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S.B. No. 871

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to municipal voting rights and eligibility for municipal office of residents in areas subject to limited-purpose annexation under strategic partnership agreements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 43.0751, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (q) and adding Subsection (q-1) to read as follows:

(q) The qualified voters of a district annexed for limited purposes under a strategic partnership agreement are entitled to vote in municipal elections as provided by Section 43.130(a) in the same manner as qualified voters of any other area annexed for limited purposes, and that subsection applies to a limited-purpose annexation under a strategic partnership agreement. Residents of a district annexed for limited purposes under a strategic partnership agreement are not eligible to be a candidate for or to be elected to a municipal office as provided by Section 43.130(b).

(q-1) Except as provided by Subsection (q) [for Sections 43.130(a) and (b)], Subchapter F does not apply to a limited-purpose annexation under a strategic partnership agreement.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act is intended only to clarify existing law with respect to the municipal voting rights and eligibility for office of residents in areas subject to

1 limited-purpose annexation under strategic partnership agreements.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.